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Dear Dr. Genshaft:

This letter is to advise you of my decision to resign, effective immediately from the University of South Florida Polytechnic Campus Board.

Over the last few months I have become increasingly concerned and confused at the role campus board members have when everything is not running smoothly. The position of a board member should be one in which he is given information in such a way as to help solve problems. Unfortunately this is not the case in the USF branch campus system. The campus boards literally have no power to make serious changes, and they are subject to the sunshine law which makes it impossible to play anything but an approval role. I really looked forward after our January board meeting and felt with the march to independence as outlined by the BOG, opportunity for involvement would be there. The next day you can imagine my surprise and disappointment in picking up the newspaper and seeing the story concerning the dismissal of a number of major staff and faculty. This should have been communicated direct with each of us. I was asked about the matter later that morning and had to say it was done without my knowledge. This type action continues the isolation of the campus board and nullified what was discussed at the board meeting. The beginning of the end of the Polytechnic idea for this campus and therefore the end of the dream of the twelfth State University being located in our community, I believe is at hand.

I am sorry it has taken me so long to come to this decision. Perhaps now it will give you a better understanding why I was reluctant to serve on the search committee when you asked me back in early January. I have spent a great amount of time in evaluating my position and sincerely hope I am wrong in my prediction above.

Sincerely,

Ronald A. Morrow

Cc Gene Engle
Cc David Touchton